

Based upon the review of the public comment, the Fish and Wildlife Commission will suggest the following motion for discussion at the meeting to discuss the Quiet Waters proposal to be held at Montana WILD, 2668 Broadwater in Helena on Friday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. The table below contains columns which describe the present regulations on the body of water and the modified proposal based upon public comment. This proposal will serve as the foundation for discussion, and the Commission may approve, deny, or modify the motion.

In addition, the Commission will also discuss the idea of forming a statewide advisory group to provide guidance to the Department and the Commission on managing motorized and non-motorized use of Montana's waterways in lieu of approving or denying the modified proposal.

Quiet Waters Rule Proposal

Bitterroot River (ARM 12.11.610)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
Bitterroot River – from the headwaters to the confluence with the Clark Fork	No motorized watercraft except 20 HP or less from October 1 through January 31	No changes proposed		
Tributaries of the Bitterroot River (including Lolo Creek, Burnt Fork, Skalkaho Creek, Sleeping Child Creek, Lost Horse Creek, Rye Creek, Blodgett Creek, and Fred Burr Creek)	No Listed Restrictions	Closed to motorized watercraft	Closed to motorized watercraft	

Missouri River (ARM 12.11.630)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
All Missouri River Tributaries streams from the headwaters to Prewett Creek (near Cascade)	No personal watercraft (per 87-1-306, MCA)	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (5/15 – 9/15) (PWC restriction will remain)	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (5/15 – 9/15) (PWC restriction will remain)	
Missouri River – Headwaters to Hauser Reservoir	No personal watercraft (per 87-1-306, MCA)	No changes		
Missouri River – Hauser Dam to Beaver Creek	No-wake restriction, No personal watercraft (per 87-1-306, MCA)	No changes		
Missouri River – Beaver Creek to Upper Holter Lake	No personal watercraft (per 87-1-306, MCA)	No changes		
Missouri River – Holter Dam to Wolf Creek Bridge	No personal watercraft (per 87-1-306, MCA)		No Changes	
Missouri River – Wolf Creek Bridge to Mouth of Dearborn	No personal watercraft from Wolf Creek Bridge to Prewett Creek (per 87-1-306, MCA)	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (6/1 through 9/15)	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (6/1 through 10/1).	

Swan River (ARM 12.11.640)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
Swan River – Confluence with Bear Creek in Flathead County to Swan Lake	Seasonal no-wake restriction (7/1-9/15)	No changes		
Swan River – Headwaters to the confluence with Lindbergh Lake b. Outlet of Lindbergh Lake to the mouth of Swan Lake	No-wake speed restriction from mouth of Swan Lake to Spotted Bear Bridge	No wake speed: a. Headwaters to the confluence with Lindbergh Lake b. Lindbergh Lake to the mouth of Swan Lake	Seasonal (7/1 – 9/15) No wake speed	

Whitefish River (ARM 12.11.645)

Whitefish River – from JP Road to the Confluence with Stillwater River	No restrictions	a. Seasonal no wake restriction (7/1 – 9/15) b. No personal watercraft	No personal watercraft	
Whitefish River – Whitefish Lake to JP Road Bridge	Electric motors only, no-wake speed restriction	No change		

Flathead River (ARM 12.11.2206)

Yellow highlighted rule language is outside of the Commission's authority. The Commission adopted the Federal Wild and Scenic (Public Law 90-542; 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) designation so that FWP wardens could assist with enforcement.

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
North Fork Flathead River – Canadian border to Camas Bridge	Closed to motorized watercraft	No changes		
North Fork Flathead River – Camas Bridge to the Confluence of with the Middle Fork	10 HP restrictions	No changes		
Middle Fork Flathead River – Bob Marshall Wilderness to Hwy 2 Bridge at Essex	Closed to motorized watercraft	No changes		
Middle Fork Flathead River – Hwy 2 Bridge at Essex to Confluence with the South Fork	10 HP restriction	No changes		
South Fork Flathead River – Spotted Bear Footbridge to the Bob Marshall boundary	Closed to motorized watercraft	No changes		
South Fork Flathead River – Spotted Bear Footbridge to Hungry Horse Reservoir at full pool (3850 feet elevation)	10 HP restriction	No changes		
Flathead River – Confluence with the South Fork to Highway 35 Bridge	No restrictions listed	a. closed to personal watercraft b. Seasonal no wake restriction (6/ 1 to 10/15)	Closed to personal watercraft	

Stillwater River – Flathead County (New Rule I)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
Stillwater River – Upper Stillwater Lake to the confluence with Flathead River	No restrictions	No wake speed No personal watercraft	No personal watercraft	

Swift Creek (New Rule II)

Swift Creek	No restrictions	No motorized use	No motorized use	
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Lazy Creek (New Rule III)

Lazy Creek	No restrictions	No motorized use	No Motorized use	
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Sun River (New Rule IV)

Sun River – Headwaters to Ulm Vaughan Bridge	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction	No personal watercraft	
Sun River – Ulm Vaughan Bridge to Great Falls	No listed restrictions	No changes		

Marias River (New Rule V)

Marias River – Headwaters to I- 15 Bridge	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction No personal watercraft	10 HP restriction No personal watercraft	
Marias River – I-15 Bridge to the confluence with Missouri River	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction No personal watercraft	No restrictions	

Teton River (New Rule VI)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
Teton River	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction No personal watercraft	10 HP restriction No personal watercraft	

Yellowstone River (New Rule VII)

Yellowstone River – Yellowstone National Park to Highway 89 Bridge	10 HP or Less Restriction	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (7/15 – 9/15) No personal watercraft	No Changes	
Yellowstone River – Highway 89 Bridge to Greycliff (Pelican Fishing Access)	No restrictions	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (7/15 – 9/15) No personal watercraft	Seasonal 10 HP restriction (7/15 – Tuesday after Labor Day) No personal watercraft	
Stream tributaries of the Yellowstone River	No restriction	10 HP restriction	10 HP restriction	

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (New Rule VIII)

Stream Name/Section	Current Rule Language	Proposed Rule Language (based on BHA petition)	DRAFT Commission Motion May 26, 2017	Final Rule Language
Clark's Fork Yellowstone River – WY State Line to confluence with Yellowstone River	No listed Restrictions	10 HP restriction	No restrictions	

Stillwater River – Stillwater County (New Rule IX)

Stillwater River – Custer National Forest to the confluence with the Yellowstone River	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction	10 HP restriction	
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Boulder River (New Rule X)

Boulder River – Park County segments	10 HP restriction (ARM 12.11.4101)	No changes	Add a cross reference to this section in New Rule X	
Boulder River – Park County line to confluence with the Yellowstone River	No listed restrictions	10 HP restriction	10 HP restriction	